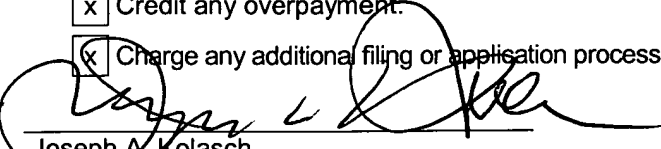


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Applicant(s): Noriko YAGI et al.					
Invention: A RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR TIRE TREADS AND A PNEUMATIC TIRE HAVING A TREAD MADE OF SUCH COMPOSITION					
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated November 28, 2005, the response for which having been extended to March 28, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.